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FOL TEL SENT ACTION ISLAMABAD AND LAHORE FROM KARACHI
DATED JUNE 18 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PORS, PK
SUBJECT: CLASH AT AIRPORT

1. YOU WILL HAVE READ IN THE JUNE 18 PRESS ABOUT THE CLASH BETWEEN THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE AND THE PIA PERSONNEL THAT BROUGHT THE AIRPORT TO A STADSTILL FOR TWELVE HOURS ON JUNE 17. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, WHAT STARTED OFF AS A PETTY QUARREL DEVELOPED INTO A FREE FOR ALL IN WHICH FIREARMS WERE USED. THIRTEEN HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED, ONE OF THEM SERIOUSLY INJURED. THE FIGHT WAS FINALLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY THE ARMY WHICH FOR THE TIME BEING HAS DISARMED THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE.

2. COMMENT: CLASHES BETWEEN THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE AND PIA PERSONNEL -- USUALLY THE BAGGAE
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HANDLERS HAVE OCCURRED BEFORE ON MUCH SMALLER SCALES, AND THEY HAVE BEEN KEPT QUIET. PART OF THE PRBLEM IS THAT THE LOWER RANKING MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCE ARE UNEDUCATED, FAIRLY NEW TO THEIR JOBS, AND SOMEWHAT IMPRESSED BY THEIR AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY. THE BAGGAE HANDLERS ARE A BREED OF THEIR OWN AND RESENT WHAT THEY

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CONSIDER "BEING SHOVED AROUND."

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THERE HAS BEEN SOME COMPETION BETWEEN THE SECURITY FORCE AND THE ARMY. THAT IS, THE ARMY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PIA IS PRESENTLY TRAINING COMMANDO GROUPS FOR ANTI-HIJACKING OPERATIONS, A FUNCTION WHICH THE SECURITY FORCE BELIEVES TO BE THEIRS. IN THE LIGHT OF THE JUNE 17 EPISODE, THE ARMY HAS TAKEN OVER CONTROL OF SECURITY AND PROHIBITED THE CARRYING OF ARMS BY ANY OTHER PERSONNEL, BUT THE SECURITY FORCE REMAINS ON DUTY FOR PASSENGER/BACKAGE CHECKING.

4. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NONE OF OUR PERSONNEL OR OTHER AMERICANS WERE AT THE AIRPORT DURING THE MELEE.
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